

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

308 House Office Building

Wednesday 12:00 P.M.

February 20, 2008

Representative Gino Polidori, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Polidori requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltrown, Garfield, Pastor, Horn.

Absent: Representative Emmons.

Representative Horn moved to excuse the absent member.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

MEMBER ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Emmons.

Representative Garfield moved to approve the minutes of the **January 30, 2008** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair laid SB 606 before the committee.

SB 606 Garcia Occupations; code; reference to "combat zone"; revise to "mobilized for military duty".

Alesha Gensler, representing Senator Garcia's office, explained SB 606 to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Col. Mark Cosgrove, representing the Michigan National Guard, testified in **support of SB 606**. Questions and discussion followed.

The following submitted testimony cards indicating **support for SB 606** but did not wish to speak.

Robert D. Weiss, representing the Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars
Steve Kozera, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Lino B. Pretto, representing the Military Order of The Purple Heart
Doug Williams, representing the Marine Corps League, Department of Michigan and American Legion

Representative Sheltroun moved to report with recommendation **SB 606**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Garfield, Pastor and Horn,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

SB 606 reported out with recommendation.

The Chair laid SB 750 before the committee.

SB 750 Basham Veterans; employment; employment preference for national guard military police; modify.

Senator Basham, sponsor of SB 750, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

The following submitted testimony cards indicating **support for SB 750** but did not wish to speak.

Robert D. Weiss, representing the Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars
Steve Kozera, representing the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Lino B. Pretto, representing the Military Order of The Purple Heart
Doug Williams, representing the Marine Corps League, Department of Michigan and American Legion

Representative Sheltroun moved to report with recommendation **SB 750**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 8-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Polidori, Brown, Dean, Lemmons, Sheltroun, Garfield, Pastor and Horn,

Nays: None,
Pass: None.

SB 750 reported out with recommendation.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **12:17 p.m.**

Representative Gino Polidori Chair

Date Approved and Signed

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
February 20, 2008
17 minutes